

Varentsov Keeps Rank Of General

MOSCOW, June 6 (UPI) — Former Chief Marshal of Artillery Sergei Varentsov, who was demoted and disgraced for his connections with convicted Soviet spy Oleg Penkovsky, has retained the rank of general and still is working in the Defense Ministry, a high Soviet source said today.

The source did not say what particular general's rank Varentsov now holds but said it was a "high" one.

"He is definitely no longer a marshal, however," the source told Western newsmen here.

Lt. Gen. of Justice A. G. Grony, who was prosecutor at the trial of Penkovsky and British businessman Greville Wynne in early May, said in an Izvestia interview May 29 that Varentsov had been "lowered in rank and position."